

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 31 has been amended. Claims 1-31 are pending and under consideration.

The objection to the specification is overcome by the present amendment to claim 31.

Claims 1, 11, and 31 are provisionally rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 9 of copending Application No. 10/830,016. This rejection is overcome by the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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